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Applicants hereby provisionally elect the subject matter of Group I, claims 14-25, 29, and 31-33, without traverse, for further prosecution in the instant application subject to Applicants' right to pursue the non-elected subject matter in a divisional application or applications pursuant to 35 USC §121.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this case is in form for allowance which allowance is respectfully requested.

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